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Rick Havenstrite
Desert Hawk Gold Corporation
1290 Holcomb Ave.
Reno, Nevada 89502

Subject: Approval of Amendment to Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations,

Desert Hawk Gold Corporation, Herat Mine, S/045/0023, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Havenstrite:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining finds your amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI) complete. You are now permitted to conduct small mining activities as outlined in the amended NOI, provided you have approval from all other appropriate agencies. The approval or acceptance of a complete NOI does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations.

Enclosed please find a copy of the approved amendment to your NOI. You will be bound by the same operational and reclamation standards as with the original NOI.

The Division's web page at <a href="http://ogm.utah.gov">http://ogm.utah.gov</a> under the Minerals Program has a link to the rules under which you are expected to operate and to other information to assist you in complying with program requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. In reply, <a href="please refer to file number S/045/0023">please refer to file number S/045/0023</a>. If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257.

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Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Copy of approved MAP

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